

A New Year's Message from Hugh Logan, General Manager

Welcome to 2026! As the new year begins, our District "family" has started with two significant changes. Lynette Rapetti, an 11-year veteran with the District office, has retired. After an extensive recruiting process, Allie Williams has joined the District's administrative team. Read our farewell message to Lynette and welcome note to Allie in this newsletter.

In 2025, the District continued important work to improve system operations. District Operators invested time for training and collaboration to implement new and better operating methods that better optimize the treatment process controls and capitalize on the recently completed infrastructure improvements. This included the automated process changes for the Headworks, Irrigation Pump Station, Activated Sludge System, and the Solids Digestion System. Optimizing the automation controls allows the plant to run more efficiently 24/7/365, while providing more time for Operators to complete work that cannot be automated, such as hands-on preventive and sewer pipe maintenance.

In 2026, we will continue sewer pipe repairs that were started last year. Customers will notice crews in coming months using special equipment to repair pipelines without needing to trench. This includes two new techniques for the District, 'Cure In Place Pipe' and 'Point Repairs', which have proved effective on pipe segments that were difficult to conduct an 'Open Trench' repair. These simpler repair efforts help maintain efficient, reliable sewer service for our community.

A recent internal audit for our Sanitary Sewer Management Plan discovered the number one

cause for sewer backups is root intrusion, followed by grease accumulation. Tree and shrub roots intrude the sewer pipe, which, coupled with grease accumulation from restaurants, businesses and homes, reduces the effective size of the sewer pipe. The pipes must be manually cleaned to improve sewer flows. The District will be working with customers in the coming months to implement best practices for grease disposal and remove trees that have grown over sewer pipes.

In addition to these operational improvements, the District is preparing for community growth in the next couple of years. In 2025, the District approved several permits for new development and anticipates more permit requests in the future. To accommodate new customers, the District is completing updates to our Plant Master Plan and Collections System Master Plan to identify the next capital improvement projects needed to alleviate bottlenecks in the sewer system and at the treatment plant.

Customers will be pleased to know the District will soon offer credit/debit cards as a form of payment. The District anticipates having the system ready by summer 2026. More details will be provided once available.

Lastly, this summer, the District will commemorate our 80th year of providing service to the San Andreas community! We will provide more details about a celebration later in spring.

Please continue reading for more updates and highlights from the District!

Sewer Friendly New Year's Resolutions

I will not flush commercial "flushable" wipes, diapers, rags, paper towels or sanitary napkins down the toilet. Only organic material and toilet paper should be flushed. Anything more, even "flushable" wipes, place extra demand on the sewer system.

I will compost! Collect food scraps instead of rinsing scraps down the garbage disposal. Composted scraps add nutrients to your garden and reduce the risk of food waste backing up your pipes.

**DON'T FLUSH
WIPES**



A Heartfelt Farewell to Lynette Rapetti in Her Retirement

Lynette began her administrative career at the District in January 2015 and has provided 11 years of dedicated service and unwavering commitment. Lynette played an instrumental role in many factors from assisting with the school outreach program to maintaining regulatory compliances necessary to obtain grant funding. We will miss her many invaluable contributions, not only her efficiencies in the office, but we will also miss her being a part of the District's family. District staff and board wish Lynette much happiness, good health and best wishes in the years to come! Congratulations!



Welcome Allie Williams to the District

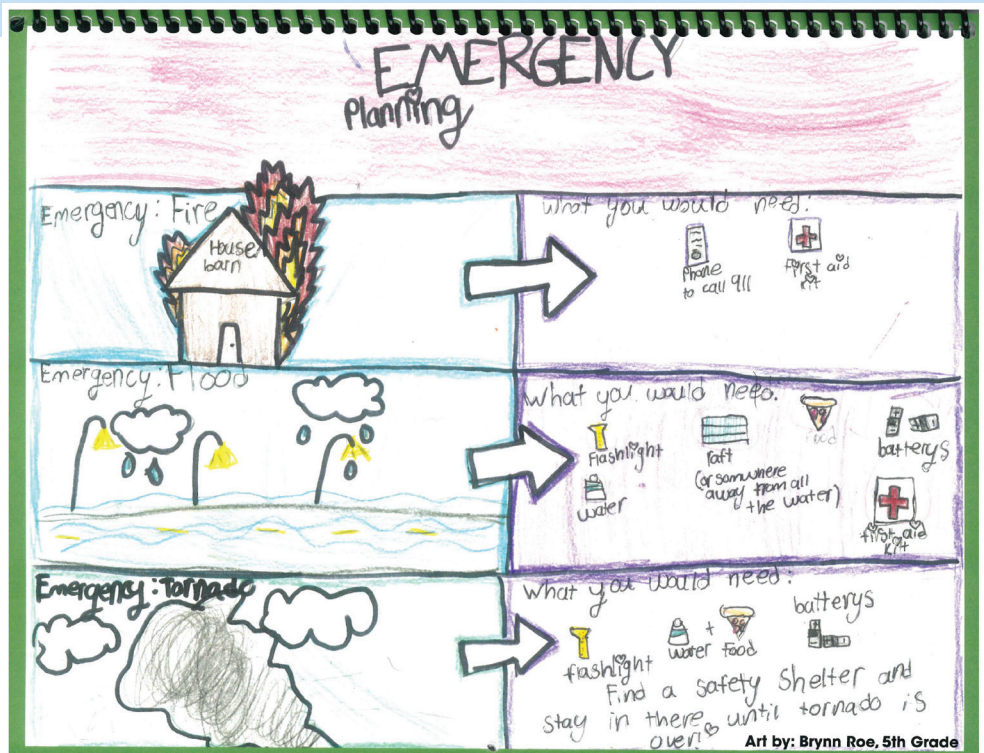
Allie has recently come on board as an Office Administrator. She has called San Andreas home for the past year and a half and is thrilled to work with the SASD staff, serving the tight-knit community where she lives. Allie looks forward to supporting the District's day-to-day functions and assisting residents whenever possible. Stop by during office hours to say hello!

Annual School Tour and Art Contest

In September 2025, San Andreas Elementary students received a hands-on wastewater treatment plant tour as part of the District's School Outreach Program. The tour was part of a larger education program that also includes a classroom lesson conducted around a rotating annual theme. 2025's theme "Local Emergency Preparedness" coincided with the continued development of the District's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Tours were conducted separately for 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Each grade toured three stations with hands-on activities: Laboratory Exploration, Safety Preparedness, and Wastewater Equipment Usage, all demonstrated by SASD staff. The Safety Preparedness station allowed students to practice CPR on manikins and see a fire extinguisher in action. The final tour stop included a Q&A session with plant staff.

Part of the school program included a calendar art contest, an annual tradition for 11 years. Twelve students had their artwork selected for each month and one final student was selected for the cover art. Mrs. Bese had the most entries and the most winners! Congratulations to the featured students!



Cover: Brynn Rose, 5th Grade
Jan: Autumn Dailey, 6th Grade
Feb: Hope Galloway, 5th Grade
Mar: Eva Marie Griswold, 4th Grade
Apr: Elijah Land, 4th Grade

May: McKenzie Keirnan, 5th Grade
Jun: Mollie Brabbin, 6th Grade
Jul: Kalyse Eatman, 6th Grade
Aug: Georgia Jackson, 5th Grade
Sep: Keenan Campa, 6th Grade

Oct: Lexi Holloway, 5th Grade
Nov: Miles Curto, 5th Grade
Dec: Skyla Anderson, 6th Grade